Introduction of shifts and computerization of courts

213. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending in the courts, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to make courts work in shifts;

(c) whether Government propose to computerize court proceedings; and

(d) if so, the time-frame set for introducing shifts and computerization?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The position of pendency of cases in the various courts is given in Statement (*See* below):

(b) Working hours of courts is decided by the respective High Courts in whose Jurisdiction the courts function.

(c) Government has approved a scheme for computerization of District and Subordinate courts for facilitating judicial work and providing benefits like saving in time and costs for all stakeholders including the litigants.

(d) The Central Government is not concerned with the matter of introducing shifts in courts or the timeframe for this purpose. In so far as the scheme of computerization of District and Subordinate courts is concerned, it is proposed to be completed within the Eleventh Five Year Plan period.

Statement

Pendency of cases in various Courts

Supreme Court (as on 31.3.07): 41,581

High Courts:

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Total (as on 31.12.06)
1.	Allahabad	815170
2.	A.P.	150263
3.	Bombay	362950
4.	Calcutta	268358
5.	Chhattisgarh	85623
6.	Delhi	82801
7.	Gujarat	114511
8.	Gauhati	59137
9.	H.P.	26362
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	43302
11.	Jharkhand	47613
12.	Karnataka	93634
13.	Kerala	117549
14.	Madras	406958
15.	M.P.	183785
16.	Orissa	222052
17.	Patna	96224
18.	Punjab & Haryana	242268
19.	Rajasthan	208095
20.	Sikkim	51
21.	Uttaranchal	28147
	TOTAL:	3654853

District and Subordinate Courts:

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Total pendency as on 31.12.06
1.	Andhra Pradesh	946395
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5370
3.	Assam	185980
4.	Bihar	1309688
5.	Chhattisgarh	277108
6.	Goa (as on 31.12.05)	34315
7.	Gujarat	2888467
8.	Haryana	524975
9.	H.P.	152817
10.	J & K	148350
11.	Jharkhand	274089
12.	Karnataka	1075819
13.	Kerala	913316
14.	M.P.	985457
15.	Maharashtra	4148019
16.	Manipur	6502
17.	Meghalaya	10843
18.	Mizoram	4863
19.	Nagaland	3749
20.	Orissa	992437
21.	Punjab	566464
22.	Rajasthan	1075679
23.	Sikkim	693
24.	Tamil Nadu	856809
25.	Tripura	32845
26.	Uttar Pradesh	4704300
27.	Uttaranchal	130769
28.	West Bengal & A & N Islands	2067311
29.	Chandigarh	93087
30.	D & N Haveli (as on 30.6.04)	3007
31.	Daman & Diu (as on 30.6.04)	1612
32.	Delhi	676619
33.	Lakshadweep	277108
34.	Puducherry	20798
	TOTAL:	25395660